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## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

## **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

IN RE:

Case No.: BK-N-13-51352 BTB
Chapter 7 -- Liquidation

FICCO, RICHARD A.

MOTION FOR AUTHORIZATION OF
SALE OF REAL PROPERTY FREE

SALE OF REAL PROPERTY FREE AND CLEAR OF LIENS UNDER 11 U.S.C. SECTION 363(B) AND ©

Hearing Date: March 25, 2014 (s). Hearing Time: 2:00 PM

Debtor (s).

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Geoffrey Wilson, the duly appointed and acting trustee, respectfully represents:

- 1. By this motion, the Trustee seeks an order approving sale of property of the estate free and clear of liens under 11 U.S.C. Section 363(b) and ©.
- 2. Debtor(s) filed their Voluntary Petition for relief under Chapter 7 of Title 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code on 07/05/13. Geoffrey Wilson was appointed as interim Trustee of Debtor's Chapter 7 Estate.
- 3. Debtors are the owners of a 50% interest in certain real property which is a single-family residence located at 8154 Wynne Ave. Reseda, CA 91335. This was the former residence of Mr. Ficco and his ex-wife, Marilyn. Their 1989 Divorce awarded both parties 50% ownership with Marilyn having the right to continue residing in the home. In addition, the agreement provided:

"Petitioner (Richard) agrees to pay/and perform all costs of major repairs to maintain the residence"

4. Liens on the property consist of a first deed of trust of about \$21,000 and a home

- equity line of about \$72,000. The first lien is Marilyn's responsibility and the equity line is Richard's.
- 5. Property was scheduled in the petition at \$320,000. Marilyn had an appraisal done on 8/27/13 for possible refinance which valued the property at \$385,000
- 6. The Trustee has received an offer to purchase the 50% interest in the property from Marilyn Ficco for up to \$19,000, broken down as follows:
  - a. \$10,245.66 to pay 100% of the timely filed claims of Discover Bank (\$8,458.60) and the Internal Revenue Service (\$1,787.06)
  - b. \$1,774.57 for administrative fees on the two claims
  - c. Up to \$6,979.77 to cover trustee expenses, trustee attorney fees and associated administrative expenses. Exact amount will be included in Order for Sale when entered.
  - d. Offer also Requires Marilyn to assume all mortgage debt on the property and withdraw her Proof of Claim for \$85,147.98 (while retaining any valid claims for spousal support outside of the bankruptcy.
- 7. The Trustee believes that the above offer is in the best interest of the estate and the unsecured creditors for the following reasons
  - a. Unsecured creditors beside Marilyn Ficco who have filed timely claims would receive 100% on their claims which might not be the case of the property was sold for a higher price and Marilyn's Proof of Claim was upheld by the State Court.
  - b. An attempt to force a sale of the property to a third party would entail substantial delays and expenses.
  - c. If Trustee attempted to force a public sale of the property, Marilyn might raise an objection of homestead/residency. While Trustee does not know the outcome of such a claim, a successful claim would deprive the estate of funds from the house.

By:

WHEREFORE, the Trustee requests the entry of an order authorizing the foregoing sale free and clear of liens other than as provided above; authorizing him to execute any and all documentation necessary on behalf of the estate to complete this transaction; and, granting such other and further relief as the Court deems appropriate.

Dated: January 21, 2014

s/s/ Nicholas Strozza Nisholas Strozza

Read and Approved by the Office of the U.S. Trustee

/s/ Geoffrey Wilson Geoffrey Wilson, TRUSTEE